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## COLLECTORS VISIT HAWAII SHOW TO ACQUIRE COINS, KNOWLEDGE

BY HELEN L. CARMODY

Although attendance was down a little from last year, dealers at the 30th anniversary Hawaii State Numismatic Association convention Nov. 11-14, were pleased with the business.

A total of 1,711 visitors paid admission to attend the show at the Queen Kapiolani Hotel on Oahu. Collectors were enthusiastic about the offerings, and dealers were obviously pleased with those who came not only to make additions to their collections, but to learn more about the hobby.

Dealer Irving Kam of Honolulu commented: "The first day was a holiday, and wholesale business was very, very good. Activity did slow down on Friday, but collectors were still seeking coins and Hawaiiana for their collections. No one series was more widely sought than another. It was a buyer's market with prices being very attractive. I happily added to my inventory for future shows. What really pleased me was seeing some active YNs at the show."

Don King of Windward Coins, Kailua said: "It was a very well-run show. There was good attendance for the economy. I had very good sales in Hawaiiana, which is always strong. It has a market in the numismatic community now not just in Hawaii, but when I do shows on the mainland as well. The collector key-date coins have been very popular here."

James Kinoshita, of Downtown Coin Gallery in Honolulu stated: "It was a good retail show. Thursday and Friday were exceptional. People were buying a lot of different items. It is always gratifying to deal with educated

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collectors."

Dealer George I. Eggimann of Diamond Springs, Calif., stated: "I do business in Carson City 10-cent pieces to \$20 gold as well as Hawaiian coins and memorabilia, and the show has been great. In fact, business was better than it has been for the last three shows."

A mainstay at the show is Catherine Bullowa of Coinhunter, Philadelphia, who commented: "The best day by far was Thursday because of the holiday.. U.S. material was moving; not too much foreign interest nor ancient. I have been coming to the show for 29 years. People are so hospitable, and we have many friends here."

Honolulu dealer James A. Simek of Hawaiian Islands Stamp & Coin, commented: "It was very active show. There was a lot of interest in paper money, high-quality type coins, Hawaiian coins, error notes, and basically the whole gamut of numismatics even a few average-grade key and semi-key coins."

Wayne Imbrogno of Apache Coins, Tempe, Ariz., indicated: "The biggest factor is the economy. The people here are really affected by it. They want to buy 15 coins and can purchase only two because they may have only \$300 to spend. They are very realistic insofar as their purchases. Collector turnout was good; demand was strong, but money was just minimal."

Exhibits, solely non-competitive for educational purposes, are always a highlight of the convention. Exhibitors are awarded a unique, pewter medal.

James A. Simek's first-time presentation of "Two-Bit Pieces of History, Off-Beat Quarters," offered five cases of unusual forms of U.S. quarter dollars or things that were used over the years as quarter dollars ranging from Colonial paper currency, broken bank notes and scrip,

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U.S. postage and fractional currency, California fractional gold, U.S. commemorative, military payment certificates, Hawaiian quarters, etc.

Charles Matsuda's exhibit was "The Daniel Boone Bicentennial Issues," featuring the 1934 issue, a 1935 PDS set and a tie-in of a Fess Parker Daniel Boone comic book, highlighted by Matsuda's original artistic rendition of Boone. "Large Medals of Hawaii" was Gary Lau's display of 13 Aloha Statehood, school, government and commercial medals in silver, bronze, pewter and steel.

Three junior members, the Izuo sisters combined their acquisitions during the year to form an exhibit showing Cherylin's completed set of Roosevelt dimes, Carey-Anne's Christmas party activities, and Christine's Honolulu Coin Club freebies. "Honolulu Coin Club Birds of Hawaii Series" was Crane Saito's two-case display of dealer, exhibitor, worker and regular-issue silver and bronze medals. W.K. Young's exhibit of "Federal Reserve Note, 2-Digits - Radar & Notes" showed 1-, 2-, 5-, 10- and 50-dollar denominations of radar notes.

This year's show medal, No. 6 of the HSNA's Hawaiian Island series, honors the 100th anniversary (1893-1993) of the last of Hawaiian monarchs, Queen Liliuokalani, and Lanai, the pineapple isle. Two hundred and fifty numbered silver-and-bronze sets were produced. The entire mintage was sold out by the end of the convention. Wooden nickels, No. 13 in the series on Hawaiian Endangered Wildlife, were also produced in conjunction with the convention.

HSNA members elected new officers for the coming year: Gregory B. Hunt, president; Glen Yokoyama, first vice president; Alton Chow, second vice president; Gary Lau, secretary; Marion F. Kendrick, treasurer; Charles Matsuda and W.K. Young, Honolulu Coin Club representatives; and L.R. "Rick" Howsley and Walt Southward, Big Island Coin Club representatives.

Junior Adviser Gary Lau told the HSNA board at its Nov. 13th meeting that seven new juniors, six girls and one boy, are actively collecting coins, building sets, and learning from their study of numismatics.

The club's banquet was held Sunday evening and entertainment was provided by an Island Senior Citizen musical group. American Numismatic Association governor Helen L. Carmody, on behalf of the ANA, presented HSNA's 25-year membership plaque to Gregory B. Hunt.

The HSNA's 31st annual convention is scheduled for Nov 10-13, 1994, at the Queen Kapiolani Hotel. For more information, write to HSNA, P.O. Box 477, Honolulu, Hawaii 96809.



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# *Loxops Virens*

By Irving Kam

Artwork for the latest addition to the long running and very popular "Hawaiian Endangered Wildlife" series is now complete and currently in production. The obverse of wooden token number fourteen features the 'Amakihi (*loxops virens*), a honeycreeper endemic to the Hawaiian Islands with four subspecies on Maui, Moloka'i, Lana'i, O'ahu, Kaua'i, and the Big Island of Hawai'i. The yellowish green birds inhabit the many native forested areas with higher elevations, particularly those of the o'nia and mamane.

The reverse acknowledges the Hawaii State Numismatic Association as the sponsoring organization of the *13th Annual Coin Show*. Date and location are also noted as well as a depiction of the Hapu'u. Largest of the Hawaiian tree ferns, they require a moist environment thereby residing in the shadowy reaches of the wet woodlands.

The wooden commemoratives will be made available at the Coin Show in May through the Honolulu Coin Club. Mail orders are welcome at fifty cents per wood plus a self-addressed stamped envelope. All inquiries should be directed to the: **Honolulu Coin Club, P.O. Box 6063, Honolulu, Hawaii 96818.**



## Honolulu Coin Club Juniors Wooden Token



There is a new wooden token this year designed by two Junior members of the Honolulu Coin Club. This is the third wooden token issued by the Junior Members. The first wood was made in 1988, on the obverse is the image of Captain Cook, the discoverer of the Hawaiian Islands, with its reverse celebrating the 25th year of the Hawaii State Numismatic Association (HSNA). The second wood was designed a year after in 1989 featuring a volcano flow on the obverse and "Reaching Out to the Youth of Hawaii". The reverse is an illustration of a snake for 1988 the Year of the Snake.

This year's wood was designed by the Izuo sisters. The obverse was illustrated by Carey Ann Izuo and features a portrait of King Kamehameha. The reverse of the wood was designed by Christine Izuo and features the Hawaiian Islands, a single dolphin, and the year 1994.

The woods will be sold at the **HSNA Mini Show** at Susannah Wesley Community Center on Saturday, May 14, 1994.

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